

Private Custodian - Responsibilities

Students that study in Canada and arrive without a natural parent or legal guardian may require a custodian. This person will care and support the student while living in Canada.

In British Columbia the age of majority is 19, until the person is considered an adult. A person under the age of 19 is considered a minor.

Students that require a custodian can stay in homestay **WITHOUT** Columbia College taking on this role. However, the natural parents will need to appoint a private custodian.

Students who will **NOT** stay in a Columbia College homestay and require a custodian, must also obtain a private custodian.

All custodians must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, 25 years or older, reside in the lower mainland, and speak English fluently. They must:

- Be in contact with Columbia College regarding attendance, academic progress, and other school related concerns.
- Be willing to sign school waivers, if required;
- Establish good communication with the student; especially if **NOT** living in the same home;
- Assist student if; ill or other medical emergencies arise;
- Assist with; opening bank accounts, purchasing compass card, pre-paid cell phones;
- Inform student on services available in the area such as; library's, recreation centers, shopping malls;